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DEPT PASS LONDON SECRETARY AND WISNER

STATE FOR SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR RH ZA

SUBJ: POSSIBLE FRONTLINE MEETING

1. IF THERE IS A FRONTLINE MEETING, AS APPEARS  
LIKELY, THE MAIN SUBJECT WILL BE THE TIMING AND  
FORM OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT ONVOLVEMENT  
IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. AS I ASSUME YOU ARE  
AWARE, KAUNDA SENT A SECOND LETTER TO CALLAGHAN  
DEC 9 WHICH WAS VERY UPBEAT. HE EXPRESSED HIS  
PLEASURE AT CROSLAND'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF WILLINGNESS  
TO PLAY A DIRECT ROLE IN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT,

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URGED THAT IT TAKE THE FORM OF A GOVERNOR GENERAL

AND THAT THE PROPOSAL BE LAID BEFORE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. KAUNDA HOPES TO AVOID AN ADJOURNMENT BUT IF SUCH BECOMES INEVITABLE, HE BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION WHICH CAN SERVE AS THE FOCUS FOR RECONVENING THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE ZAMBIANS SEE THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECT ROLE AS PROVIDING A WAY OUT OF THE IMPASSE OVER THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC ORDER. IF THE BRITISH ACCEPT THE ROLE OF GOVERNOR GENERAL, THEN HE WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND HAVE AUTHORITY OVER DEFENSE AND PUBLIC ORDER. THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE A MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THEFRONTLINE MEETING.

3. BECAUSE KAUNDA PUTS SUCH GREAT STORE ON THE BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO PLAY AN INCREASED ROLE, HE IS CONCENTRATING ON THIS AS THE WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT IMPASSE RATHER THAN ON PRESSING THE NATIONALISTS TO TAKE A MORE FORTH-COMING POSITION TOWARDS NEGOTIATING PROVISIONS OF THE SEPT 24 SMITH STATEMENT. WHILE I BELIEVE KAUNDA WAS ANNOYED AT THE SECRETARY'S LETTER, IT IS NOT MY IMPRESSION THAT HIS CONCERN OVER THE LETTER IS AS PROFOUND AS CHONA IS INCLINED TO MAKE OUT. LOW

UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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